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mainland (F). Appraisal of content: 3.

1. The Chinese Communist authorities established a Bureau of Foreign Trade (1417/1120/6319/2496/1444) in Fukien The Bureau, with headquarters in Foochow and branch offices in Amoy and Ch'uanchou (N 24-54, E 118-34), was to handle foreign trade matters. 25X1

2. The following mainland firms were under the direct control of the Amoy branch of the Fukien Bureau of Foreign Trade:[1]

   a. China Tea (0022/5420) Company.

   b. Native Special Products Exporting (0960/3676/3934/0427/0656) Company. When dealing with firms outside the Chinese mainland this firm calls itself the Hua Li (5478/0448) Company.

   c. Importing and Exporting (6651/0427/0656) Company. When dealing with firms outside Communist China this firm calls itself the Jung Kuang (2827/0342) Company.[2]

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3. After the establishment of the Fukien Bureau of Foreign Trade, the word "First" was dropped from the name of the First Native Products Central Distributing Group (0960/3934/5114/6356/0433/6906/1420/4809). This organization is one of two such groups, the other being the Foodstuffs Central Buying and Distributing Group (7380/0756/5114/6356/0433/6906/1420/4809). The mailing address for both groups is 49 Sheng P'ing (2573/1627) Road, third floor, Amoy.

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Both have the same telephone number, 153. The cable address of the foodstuffs organization is 2496, and that of the native products organization is 6319.

4. [redacted] the Foodstuffs Central Buying and Distributing Group included the following firms: Yung Te (3057/1795), Hua K'en (5478/1083), Ho Li (0678/0448), and Hsieh Lung (0588/7127). 25X1

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1. It is not clear why mainland firms should be under the control of the Amoy branch rather than under the Foochow headquarters of the Bureau of Foreign Trade. The full name of the Bureau may be "Foreign Trade Control Bureau" (1417/1120/6319/2496/4619/3810/1444) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] It is also possible that the companies controlled 25X1
are not firms in the usual sense but trading organizations which are the local equivalents of the China National Tea Corporation, China National Native Products Corporation, China National Import and Export Corporation, and others.

2. [redacted] the head office of the Fukien Native Products Company, known as the Jung Kuang Company when dealing with foreign firms, was in Foochow, with a branch office in Amoy. 25X1

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4. [redacted] a Ho Li Company was reported at 134 K'ai Yuan Road, Amoy. 25X1

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